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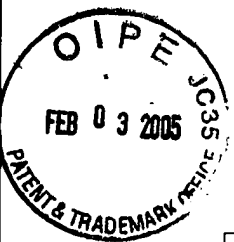
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Application Number:	10/750,631	Date: January 31, 2005
Application Filed:	12-29-2003	Art Unit: 2621
Applicants:	Shih-Jong J. Lee, Louis R. Piloco	PAIR Customer Number: 29738 Docket: SV6D1
Title:	Robust Method for Automatic Reading of Skewed, Rotated or Partially Obscured Characters	Applicant FAX: 425-452-0806 Applicant Phone: 425-450-1014
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Sincerely,

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